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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Aming et al. : Al Hashemi, Sana A.  
Serial No.: 10/044,782 :  
Filing Date: January 11, 2002 :  
Title: METHOD, COMPUTER : IBM Corporation  
PROGRAM AND DATA : Dept. T81/Bldg. 503  
PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR : P.O. Box 12195  
DATA CLUSTERING : 3039 Cornwallis Road  
: Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.11**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 18, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 18, 2006, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**